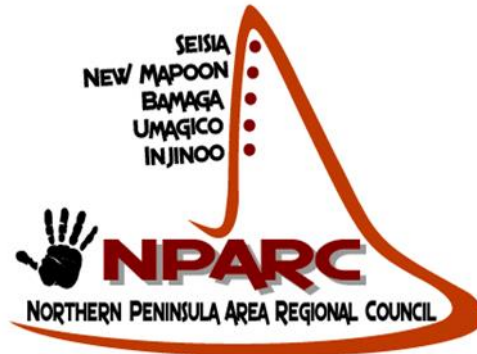


**CONFIRMED**



# **MINUTES**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT BOLAND CENTRE CAIRNS 28 APRIL 2026**

**ATTENDANCE****Mayor & Councillors**

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor
Cr David Byrne	Division 1
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Division 3
Cr Marlene Bond	Division 4
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

**Other Attendees**

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Romina Nona	Executive Manager Corporate Finance
Aaron Van Edmond	Project Executive Enterprise Services
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)
Shannay Gebadi	Governance Officer

**Gallery**

Sioux Campbell	Department of Local Government
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**MEETING OPENED**

The Meeting was opened at 9:04am with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.

**APOLOGIES**

Late Arrival – Cr Gebadi

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of Gimuy (Cairns) and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

**CONDOLENCES**

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect in memory of a deceased person or persons with deep connections to the communities of the Northern Peninsula Area (Injinoo, Umagico, Bamaga, New Mapoon & Seisia).

- Late Davis Mimi

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****Resolution:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 31 March 2026 be confirmed.

**Moved: Cr Bond**

**Vote: 4/1**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C5.1-28042026**

**CARRIED**

**5.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****Resolution:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 1 April 2026 be confirmed.

**Moved: Cr Elu**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Bond**

**Resolution: C5.2-28042026**

**CARRIED**

**5.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****Resolution:**

That the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on the 1 April 2026 be confirmed.

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C5.5-28042026**

**CARRIED**

**8.1 Mayoral Report****Resolution:**

That the activities contained in the Mayoral monthly report be endorsed by Council.

**Moved: Cr Elu**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**

**Resolution: C8.1 - 28042026**

**CARRIED**

**DEPARTURE:** Cr Yoelu left the meeting at 9:33am and returned at 9:36am  
Cr Bond left the meeting at 9:41am and return 9:54am

### 9.1 CEO Report

**Resolution:**

That the activities contained in the Chief Executive Officer monthly report be endorsed by Council.

**Moved: Cr Byrne**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**  
**Resolution: C9.1. – 28042026**

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 9:54am and resumed at 10:17am.

**ATTENDANCE:** Claire Alexander (Financial Consultant) attended the meeting to present the Financial Report.

### 9.2 Financial Report

**Resolution:**

That Council note and accept the Finance Manager’s Report for the period ending 31 March 2026.

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Byrne**  
**Resolution: C9.2 - 28042026**

**CARRIED**

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Bissell attended the meeting via Teams link to present the Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure Report.

### 9.3 Executive Manager Building Infrastructure and Operations Report

**Resolution:**

That Council note the Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure Service Report.

**Moved: Cr Bond**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**  
**Resolution: C9.3 - 28042026**

**CARRIED**

**DEPARTURE:** Mayor Poipoi left the meeting 11:21am and returned at 11:26am

Cr Yoelu left the meeting at 11:34am and returned at 11:37am

**ARRIVAL:** Cr Gebadi attended the meeting at 11:24am

#### 9.4 Executive Manager Project Enterprise Service Report

**Resolution:**

That Council:

1. Note the monthly progress update on the Enterprise Services Improvement Program;
2. Note continued operational improvement across Council enterprises;
3. Acknowledge submission of the Regional Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) applications;

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 6/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi**

**Resolution: C9.4 – 28042026**

**CARRIED**

**DEPARTURE:** Cr Byrne left the meeting at 11:46pm and returned at 11:51am

Cr Byrne left the meeting at 11:54am and returned at 12:02pm

Cr Elu left the meeting at 11:54am and returned at 11:57am

Cr Bond left the meeting at 12:06 and returned at 12:

Cr Byrne left the meeting at 12:10am and returned at 12:11pm

#### 9.5 Executive Manager Corporate Finance Service Report

**Resolution:**

That Council:

1. Note the monthly update on the Corporate/Finance Improvement Program; and
2. Acknowledge the continued transition implementation, and governance uplift programs across Council's departments.

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 6/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi**

**Resolution: C9.5 - 28042026**

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned for Lunch at 12:16pm resumed at 13:41pm

**DEPUTATION:** Rio Tinto Representatives joined Council during the lunch break for the 6 monthly Rio Tinto Presentation to NPARC

**9.6 CEO Report to Council – First and Second Quarter Report – Operational Plan****Resolution:**

That Council notes the Quarter One and Quarter Two Reports on the progress achieved in implementing the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council's Operational Plan 2025-2026.

**Moved: Cr Bond****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Byrne****Resolution: C9.4-31032027****CARRIED****DEPARTURE:** Cr Byrne left the meeting at 2:46pm and returned 2:54pm**9.7 CEO Report to Council – NPARC Customer Service Standards****Resolution:**

That Council notes the Preliminary Draft Customer Service Standards and directs the Chief Executive Officer to further develop them for subsequent consideration and adoption.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Elu****Resolution: C9.7 - 28042026****CARRIED****9.8 CEO Report to Council – Submission to the Joint Standing Committee Inquiry into racism, hate and violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.****Resolution:**

That Council endorses the Submission to the Commonwealth Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (the Joint Standing Committee) Inquiry into racism, hate and violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Yoelu****Resolution: C9.8 -28042026****CARRIED****9.9 CEO Report to Council – 6-month Media Strategy and 6-month Communication Strategy****Resolution:**

That Council notes and accepts the report.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi****Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Vote: 6/0****Resolution: C9.9 -28042026****CARRIED****10. LATE ITEM - NPARC Financial Statements 2024-2025**

**ARRIVAL:** Andrew Cornes – Grant Thornton attended the Meeting for the Late Report – NPARC Financial Statements 2024-2025.

**In Committee****Resolution:**

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 2:11pm

**Moved: Cr Yoelu****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Resolution: C11-31032026****CARRIED****Resolution:**

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 3:05pm

**Moved: Cr Yoelu****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Resolution: C11-31032026****CARRIED****10.1 NPARC Financial Statements 2024 -2025****Resolution:**

That Council approves the Audit and Financial Statements and Management Representation letter and authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2024-2025 Financial Statements and the Management Representation Letter 2024-2025.

**Moved: Cr Bond****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Byrne****Resolution: C10.1 - 28042026****CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:10pm resumed at 3:40pm

**DEPARTURE:** Cr. Bond departed the meeting at 3:22pm

**CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS****11. In Committee Reports**

That Council consider the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

**11.1 In Committee – FINANCE REPORT 2026 Procurement Policy Report**

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

**11.2 In Committee – FINANCE REPORT Budget Policy 2026-27**

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

**11.3 In Committee – CEO Report**

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3) (b) relating to industrial matters affecting employees for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

**ATTENDANCE:** Claire Alexander (Financial Consultant) attended the meeting to present the In Committee Financial Reports.

**In Committee****Resolution:**

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 3:54pm

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi**

**Resolution: C11-31032026**

**CARRIED**

**ARRIVAL:** Cr Bond returned to meeting at 4:08pm

**Resolution:**

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 4:30PM

**Moved: Yoelu**

**Vote: 6/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi**

**Resolution: C11-31032026**

**CARRIED**

**11.1 FINANCE REPORT 2026 – Procurement Policy Report****Resolution:**

That Council note the amendments to the Queensland Local Government Regulation 2012 which came into effect 12 December 2025.

**Moved: Cr. Bond****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr. Byrne****Resolution: C11 - 28042026****CARRIED****11.2 (a) FINANCE REPORT Budget Policy 2026 - 27****Resolution:**

That Council endorse the Budget Policies for 2026-2027.

- Revenue Policy
- Debt Policy
- Investment Policy
- Concession Policy

**Moved: Cr Gebadi****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Elu****Resolution: C11.2-28042026****CARRIED****11.2 (b) Service Charges and Concessions 2025-26****Resolution:**

That Council:

1. Notes the update on service charges position for the financial year 2026/26
2. Approved the concessions as presented.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi****Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Bond****Resolution: C11.2-28042026****CARRIED****CLOSURE:**

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 4:45pm with a prayer by Cr. Yoelu.